

HAWAII COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

TESTIMONY ON THE 2015-2016 CSBG STATE PLAN

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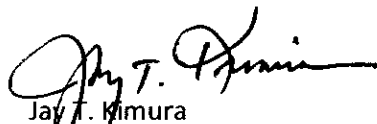
The Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council(HCEOC) is in support of the 2015-2016 State Plan.

The Community Services Block Grant(CSBG) under the CSBG Act is an important tool in Hawaii County's efforts to address the root causes of poverty.

This grant program started under President Johnson as part of the war on poverty. It is a unique grant that allows Community Action Agencies to supplement other grants that may not provide sufficient funds to administer those programs. This allows an Agency to provide more direct services under a grant.

The Big Island has unique challenges, especially those that are poor or vulnerable. HCEOC, with the support of the State OCS, Federal, State and County governments, is involved in a multitude of programs that seek to address the root problems of poverty.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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